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SUBJ: TOURIST AND OTHER SHORT TERM VISITORS ENTERING

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

1. SIR MAORI KIKI, THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE, FOREIGN RELATIONS AND TRADE HAS REITERATED THAT FOREIGN TOURISTS MAY NOT WORK IN PNG. EXTRACTS FROM HIS STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

A. PERSONS ENTERING PNG AS TOURISTS AND OTHER SHORT TERM VISITORS MAY NOT ENGAGE IN ANY FORM OF EMPLOYMENT WHETHER PAID FOR UNPAID AND REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES WILL NOT BE APPROVED, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT.

B. ACCORDINGLY, PEOPLE MAY NOT ENTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF "WORKING HOLIDAYS" AND EXTENSIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT AND TEMPORARY RESIDENCE WILL, AS A GENERAL RULE BE FIRMLY REFUSED.

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C. PEOPLE WISHING TO TAKE UP EMPLOYMENT OR TEMPORARY

RESIDENCE IN PNG ARE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO A NUMBER OF REQUIREMENTS SUCH AS MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS, CHARACTER CHECKS, THE LODGEMENT OF IMMIGRATION BONDS, CONFIRMATION OF SPONSORSHIP AND EVIDENCE OF ADEQUATE ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS.

D. A NUMBER OF OCCUPATIONS ARE NOW RESTRICTED AND PROHIBITED TO IMMIGRANTS AND IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY FOR THE DEPT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY TO APPROVE CERTAIN APPLICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT IN ADVANCE.

2. COMMENT: CONGENS EXPERIENCE WITH AMERICAN TRAVELERS OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS INDICATES THAT THE PNG IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES ARE FIRMLY AND RIGIDLY ENFORCING THESE POLICIES. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO ADVISE ANY AMERICAN TRAVELERS TO PNG OF THESE STRICT IMMIGRATION LAWS.

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